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U.S. Serial No.: 09/807,945

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES OR  
GLASS CERAMICS

From: Charles N.J. Ruggiero, Esq.

**MESSAGE: Amendment After Final Action**

We are enclosing herein an Amendment After Final in response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2003 in the above-identified application.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Schmidbauer et al.

Serial No.: 09/807,945

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES OR GLASS CERAMICS

Filed: July 12, 2001

Examiner: Eric J. Hug

Art Unit: 1731

Customer No.: 27623

Confirmation No.: 9346

Attorney Docket No.: 608.0011USU

**MAIL STOP AF  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED               |                                  |       |                                |               |                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----|
|                                 | Claims Remaining After Amendment |       | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate            |    |
| Total Claims                    | 8                                | Minus | 20                             | 0             | x \$18.00       | \$ |
| Independent Claims              | 1                                | Minus | 3                              | 0             | x \$86.00       | \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE    |                                  |       |                                |               | x \$290.00 = \$ |    |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES     |                                  |       |                                |               | \$0             |    |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY |                                  |       |                                |               | \$N/A           |    |

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes (\$0), and any extension of time (\$0) is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

January 20, 2004  
Date

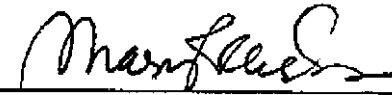


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## Amendment After Final

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.